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Students protest police excesses in Khulna

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KHULNA, Oct. 22.—Tension is prevailing in the city today following alleged torture of a students leader under police custody.

Fazlul Karim Tito, Secretary of Khalishpur unit JCD, who was arrested by the police in connection with a case on Sunday was allegedly assaulted or tortured by the police at Khalishpur police station. He was later transferred to Khulna 200-bed hospital for the treatment in a critical condition.

The police, however, said that the arrested student who was wanted in a number of cases was injured when he tried to commit suicide by hanging. As a sequel to this incident, various units of JCD at Khulna, Khalishpur and Daulatpur brought out procession and held rallies in the city against police excesses.

JCD staged a demonstration in front of Khulna Sadar police station where they were chased out by the police. At least one student was injured in the melee. Later angry demonstrators damaged a jeep and a rickshaw.

JCD has given a call for observing strike in all educational institutions in the city today (Tuesday).